

ASTOR BALL IS PEERLESS EVENT

Pronounced the Most Brilliant in
History of New York's "400,"
and Costumes Most Magnifi-
cent Ever Seen at Dance.

HARRY LEHR AND ELISHA
DYER LEAD COTILLON.

Curious Crowds of the "Popu-
lace" Flock About Gay Scene,
and Their Attempts at Identifi-
cation Are Highly Amusing.

Mrs. William Astor's ball last night was as brilliant a pageant as New York's society has ever held. It was by far the most brilliant affair of the season. Mrs. Astor's home, at No. 60 Fifth avenue, was thronged with the most fashionable fashionables, exquisitely gowned and in splendid costume. The cotillon danced after the late supper was one of the most ingenious and charming this winter has seen.

The leaders, Harry S. Lehr and Elisha Dyer, Jr., have an inimitable way of giving zest and a novel turn to the cotillon. The favors were amusing night-wicks and apron and caps for the "policeman and maid" figure. Auto horns, novel pen-wipers, Directoire canes, silver pencils and letter racks were some of the other favors.

Mrs. Astor, assisted by Miss Constance Knicker, hostess of her garden, Mr. H. Coleman Drayton, received her guests in the last drawing-room at the left of the hall. Her gown was purple velvet over blue satin, with trimmings of lace; her jewels were diamonds.

She stood before Carolus Duran's striking portrait of her, looking as much the charming and impetuous woman as the painting shows her. At Mrs. Astor's side were great vases of winter lilies, contrasting delightfully with her dark costume.

Curious Crowds.
While the aristocrats danced, laughed and dined, curious members of the great unwashed stood without and "rubbed." For a brief glimpse of the guests, as they alighted from their carriages and disappeared through the green-bordered entrance hall into what looked like a wilderness of pink roses beyond, the actions of many humble families braved the discomforts of cold feet, aching fingers and nipped noses.

They tried to peek into the drawing-room windows; they dreamed "pipe dreams" about what good things might be served for supper; they speculated upon the identity of the guests as they emerged from their carriages.

At Charity Ball Also.
Some of the spectators had been looking in on the Masonic charity ball in the Garden earlier in the evening. There was some gambling on the side. One party of onlookers amused themselves by betting on whom the carriage contained as they drew up. A swaggy coupe turned in toward the door, and the bets were loud for Willie K. and Reggie Vanderbilt, when, to the intense chagrin of the bettors, the carriage drove past the steps without stopping and out into the street again. The men on the box gave all hands the merry "Ha, ha!" and the gamblers cried "Alone!"

Considerable excitement was caused by the arrival of what seemed at first to be a Mr. Raffles. A gentleman, the least bit the worse for wear, came driving up in an electric cab, and was welcomed by the hostess. He was wearing a blue and white striped coat, and a white shirt with a blue bow tie. He was looking at the hostess with a look of intense interest, and she was looking at him with a look of intense interest.

Then it came out that he wanted Hotel Astor, and was bundled back into his cab. The chauffeur was suspected of a ruse for the practical joke.

Some of the most effective costumes of the great ball were the following: Miss Gladys Vanderbilt was dressed in pale blue and with a spray of gardenias.

Mrs. Ogden Goetz wore one of the most striking gowns of white velvet with great crystal drops almost covering the gown.

Mrs. Julia Story, who is Emma Jones in professional life, was one of the guests. She wore a blue and white gown, and a white brocade. Her gown was of white brocade, and a white brocade.

Mrs. Thomas Hastings wore blue brocade with panels of silver embroidery. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, in blue velvet, had on most of her fine gowns, including a pair of emeralds and diamonds.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, in pink velvet, with panels of velvet, had a crown of diamonds and pearls. Mrs. Richard Rogers had a medallion-looking gown. Her gown was of white brocade, and a white brocade.

Mrs. Joseph A. B. Rogers wore a white gown, and a white brocade. Mrs. Stanford White was dressed in white satin, with a crown of tassels trimming the skirt.

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CHILD WONDER PLAYS AGAIN.



Milady Cerny

At Mendelssohn Hall to-day little Milady Cerny, the ten-year-old child pianist who has the musical world agog, resumes her public career, which was interrupted by a stroke of blindness. Milady was quite sensation at seven years, and a marvelous career was predicted for her, when she suddenly lost her sight and for two years was under the care of leading oculists.

When her sight returned she gradually resumed her playing, but appeared only at private musicales and entertainments.

To-day she resumes her public career and those who have heard her recently declare she has lost none of her genius, but on the contrary shows exceptional improvement.

Milady Cerny was born in 1894, of Bohemian parents. When but a baby of not quite four years she astonished the musical world by giving two piano recitals at Handel Hall, in Chicago. At that time she played twenty-four compositions, including the Clementi Sonatas, Godowsky and Sherwood, who heard her play, were surprised at her great natural talent, and Dvorak, who

heard her later, declared her playing "simply astounding."

All through the country the newspapers spoke of her as a wonder, and she was invited to give recitals in New York and Boston, when she stricken blind.

While on a tour in Europe she was commanded to appear before Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, where she performed at a concert given under the direction of the Princess on June 9, 1898, with the greatest success.

She was also commanded to play before the Princess Schlesswig-Holstein, who was so enchanted with her that she presented Miss Cerny with a beautiful portrait of herself.

Mme. Edwards, First Lady in Waiting to Queen Alexandra; Countess Lutzow, Mme. Woodhouse, a noted piano virtuoso of London; Sir Alexander Mackenzie, a composer; Mme. Blanche Marchand, of London; Sig. Fromani, the eminent pianist and accompanist of the Grand Hotel de Lusanne; Solomon de Rothschild, of Paris; Kolarovic, the famous Bohemian composer, and many other authorities on music have testified to the child's ability.

Prof. A. V. Cerny, who is widely known in Europe and this country, and father of the child wonder, taught the child music from her infancy, and is given credit for the ability she possesses to-day.

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She was there on Dec. 28 and 29, and again from New Year's Day until the morning she sailed on the steamer. She was accompanied by her daughters, Catherine and Mary, and her son Walter spent much time with her. Her sister, Miss Dunne, and her daughters sailed for Europe on the Deutschland on Saturday.

Memoranda for Another, Too.
In addition to the loss of Mrs. Gelshenen as a witness District Attorney Jerome also mourns the absence of Edward J. Bracken, who is said to be under foreign skies at this time, having sailed for Europe from Halifax some time ago. Bracken, who was with Dodge in Texas nearly all the time that person State, arrived in New York two days before Dodge was brought here by sea. Although his house was watched by detectives, Bracken got into his home and also left it without interference.

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PLATT-ELIAS SUIT REACHED

After Long Delay Action Brought
by Aged John R. Platt Against
Negress with Whom He Was
Infatuated on To-Morrow.

The case of aged John R. Platt against Hannah Elias, the octoroon, whom he sued to recover \$65,000 in cash and suit-edged real estate, which he says the colored woman got from him during a course of years of extortion and blackmail, was the first on Justice Blachoff's calendar in the Supreme Court to-day.

Lyman E. Warren, for Platt, has been making the immediate trial of the case for weeks, opposing every preliminary motion of Washington Brauns, attorney for Mrs. Elias, on the ground that it would work a delay, and that the millionaire plaintiff, who is eighty-seven years old, was likely to die at any moment.

But when the case was called to-day neither Platt nor the colored woman for whom he confesses an infatuation extending over a period of twenty years was in court, and both sides acquiesced to an adjournment until to-morrow.

Ex-Gov. Black has been retained in behalf of Mrs. Elias, and the trial will be a most sensational one, with a delving into the incidents which caused Cornelius Williams, a love-crazed negro, to lay in wait for and shoot Andrew H. Green to death at his own door in mistake for old man Platt, whom he resembled, and of whom Williams was jealous.

Mrs. Elias ran up immense bills at dry-goods stores, furniture houses and the like, all of which Platt paid, and one of the difficulties, which investigators of the murder of Green met with was the reported declaration by neighbors that the "Father of Greater New York" was a daily visitor to Mrs. Elias in her \$50,000 mansion on Central Park West, against which was the serious insistence of reputable merchants, who admitted carrying Mrs. Elias's account, that Green had nothing to do with her, though none of them would tell why he was so sure.

None of them wanted to expose John R. Platt, who was paying the bills, and who bore so close a resemblance to Mr. Green that when the latter's portrait was published in the newspapers all the neighbors in Central Park West declared it to be a likeness of Mrs. Elias's aged suitor.

MORE MONEY FOR MRS. HOOPER
The Evening World acknowledges the receipt of \$10 from H. A. Lawrence, Norfolk, Conn., and \$1 from Box 50, Peekskill, for Mrs. Julia Hooper, of No. 325 East Ninety-seventh street.

Semi-Annual
SALE.
\$8.50
For Men's
Overcoats
and Suits
that
were
\$12.50
and
\$15

Get the Habit. Go to
Brill Brothers
279 Broadway, near Chambers
47 Cortlandt St., near Greenwich
211 & 219 Sixth Ave., near 14th
125th St., Corner Third Ave.

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BROS.
Fifth Av. & 9th St., B'klyn.
CREDIT
Freely Extended to All.
CLOTHING
For the Entire Family.
\$1 Down & 50c. Per Week
On Purchases of \$10 Worth.
Furniture
and Everything for House-
keeping.
EASIEST PAYMENTS
OPEN MON. & SAT. EVGS.

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Admission Is Free to the Palace of Mirth: Sixth Floor

Ask for free tickets at any exchange desk and they will be given you to attend "The Palace of Mirth" in our Sixth Floor Auditorium. It consists of the marvelous Crystal Maze, which is an ingenious combination of 40 monster mirrors, with startling powers of mystifying reflection. The Cave of the Winds, with its electric floor and musical telephone connections. The Laughing Gallery, made up of the greatest and most valuable collection of distorting mirrors in the world. No one in New York or vicinity should miss visiting "The Palace of Mirth." Hours from 9 A. M. to 5.30 P. M. Free Tickets at All Exchange Desks.

Trunks
We have thirty trunks, 28 and 30 inches, covered with heavy sail duck, steel clasps, stout slats, and otherwise strongly built. While they last,
2.98

6th Avenue's busy Corner
The 14th Store
NEW YORK
Double B. & M. Blue Trading Stamps till 12 o'clock, then single stamps till the store closes.

Go-Carts
Reclining go-carts with roll on sides, solid steel slats, steel axles, rubber tires, wheels, patent brakes and parrot clamps. Wednesday they are priced at
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We Give You the Chance to Save a Solid Third on 10,000 Yards of Bright, New Carpet

One thousand pieces of carpet, varying in length from 6 to 45 yards—ends of original rolls remaining after the mill cut samples for its drummers. In no other manner, at no other place, and at no other time can you buy high grade carpet and positively save thirty-three and a third cents on every dollar's worth.

This Lot of Short Lengths of Carpet Consists of Latest Patterns for the Spring of 1905. There is such a wide range of beautiful designs and such a grand blending of harmonious colors that no matter what your taste may be you will be pleased. There are pieces 6, 10, 25 and 30 yards long, and from that up to 45 yards—including hall, stair and room patterns. Enough in each piece to fit various sized rooms. Home-fitters, boarding houses keepers and hotels will find this sale an event of rare saving possibilities.

We Ask You to Note the Prices and the Values:
47c for 75c Brussels Carpets
69c for 1.00 10-wire Brussels
69c for 1.10 Wool Velvet Carpets
83c for 1.35 Wilton Velvet Carpets
25c for 45c Ingrain Carpets

500 Parlor Suits, but Only One of a Kind, Have Had Their Prices Sharply Cut for Immediate Disposal

During the past three months we have used these parlor suits as samples from which to sell their counterparts which were in storage. All the others have gone, and only the samples remain. Samples, as you know, are made and finished with the greatest care, and are therefore highly desirable.

Inasmuch as we have decided to drop these patterns we shall sell these sample parlor suits at amazing reductions.

Glance through the prices of these parlor suits, note their former prices, and simple deduction will show you the extent of your savings:

25.00 for 42.50 five-piece Frame Suits, consisting of platform rocker, large arm chair, full size sofa and 2 side chairs upholstered with fine grade of figured tapestry.
25.00 for 50.00 five-piece Frame Suit, large massive frame, broad arms, full French legs, covered in steel blue damask.
39.50 for 60.00 five-piece Frame Suit, artistic in design, rich in finish. Good construction, upholstered in a rich, designed tapestry.
85.00 for 118.50 five-piece Frame Suit, mahogany finish, piano polished, spring edge, upholstered in exquisite design of silk damask.
49.75 from 67.00 five-piece Parlor Suit, richly designed, mahogany finish frame. Seats are full size and contain spring edges. Covered in a fine grade of apple green verona.
67.50 for 91.69 five-piece Frame Suit, very massive and attractive frame, artistically designed and highly polished, covered in high grade of figured tapestry.

Our Wednesday Housefurnishing Bargains Eclipse All Others

Been planning to stock up on some Housefurnishings you've needed for a long time! That's just the case! Now is the time to put that resolution into operation, because to-morrow's sales of Housefurnishings at **The 14th Street Store** insure greater savings than you will find advertised by any one else. Honest merchandise priced below the established selling prices is what you will buy here to-morrow.

24c for Double Roasting Pan, Sell Basting

39c for Bath Towel Roller with large shell, oak-finish

24c for Palm Leaf Knife Basket with two and three compartments.

98c for Folding Card or Cutting Table made of polished wood, 24x33, and 28 inches high.

8c each for Vegetable Cutters.

29c for men's Nickel-plated Trousers Hangers. Will hold 4 pairs of trousers.

5c for stained wood Comb Case.

98c for Popular Carpet Sweeper.

98c for Climax Food Chopper, consisting of three blades and pulverizer, large size.

5c for two heavy retined and polished Card Hangers.

8c for famous Dover Egg Beaters. Save time and labor.

24c for China Salt Boxes, blue and white boxwood, with top lid.

15c for Sanitary Sink Strainers, with stand.

24c for Soap Dishes, made of solid brass, nickel plated. Will fit any bathtub.

98c for 4-foot Step Ladder, with bucket rest; made very strong.

8c for White Cotton Clothes Line, fifty feet.

8c for Washday Needs

59c for Mrs. Potts' Sad Iron, consisting of 3 iron, handle and stand.

69c for Curtain Stretcher, 6x12 feet, with coarse tulle, nickel pins and yard measure.

59c for Folding Wash Bench, extra large size, will hold two tubs.

18c for 3-foot Ironing Board.

25c for 14 cases Armour's Sail Soap.

21c for Covered Sleeve Board, nickel top.

3c for Armour's Brand Washing Powder.

4c for Asbestos Iron Holder.

3c for pint bottles of Ammonia.

9c for 100 Clothes Pins, made of polished hard wood.

24c for Japanned Sugar Canister, holds 15 lbs.

17c for Gas Mantle, guaranteed 100 candle power, trial.

12c for solid brass Incandescent Gas Burner.

24c for package of Toilet Paper.

3c for round, large size, Fruit or Cranberry Press.

10c for smokeless wire Steak Broiler with handle.

16c for Slat Whisk Broom, large size, made of extra quality corn.

15c for three-piece Bread Sets, saw edges, including bread knife, cake and vegetable knife.

10c for Kitchen Cleaver, with very strong handle.

2c for improved steel perforated Potato Masher. Mashes potato to pulp.

8c for Walnut Towel Ring, large size.

98c for Toilet or Bathroom Cabinet with best American plate mirror, large comb and brush case, with towel roller combined, finished in solid oak.

9c for Wire Carpet Beaters, large size.

9c for Fibre Lunch Boxes, with strap handle.

15c for Folding Hat and Coat Rack Walnut Stained, 13 Pins

10c Salt Boxes, Inlaid, Made of Wood

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